IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, a list of all claims is included below.

What is claimed:

1. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium comprising machine-readable instructions stored thereon to:

execute a software driver for a display codec, the software driver configured to work with ~~different~~ a plurality of display codecs ~~at different periods of time~~ while ~~using~~ remaining in a default configuration ~~of the software driver~~; and transmit digital signals from the display codec to a display using the software driver.

2. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the software driver comprises machine readable instructions to recognize each of a plurality of displays.

3. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 2 wherein the plurality of displays consist of digital displays selected from the group consisting of a flat panel, a LCD (liquid crystal display), an HDTV (high definition television), a plasma display, and a computer monitor.

4. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the storage medium receives the digital signals from a cable television outlet.

5. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the storage medium receives the digital signals from a satellite.

6. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the storage medium receives the digital signals from a wireless transmission device.

7. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

executing a software driver for a display codec to transmit digital signals from the display codec to a display ~~using the software driver~~, the software driver configured to work with ~~different~~ a plurality of display codecs ~~at different periods of time~~ while ~~using~~ remaining in a default configuration ~~of the software driver~~.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the software driver is part of a graphics controller for communicating with the display codec.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the display codec comprises a hardware portion that communicates with the software driver such that the graphics controller recognizes each of ~~a~~the plurality of ~~different~~ display codecs at different periods of time.

10. (Original) The codec control method of claim 8 where the software driver comprises a storage medium for the graphics controller known as a universal software driver.

11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor to support the processor operations;

an Ethernet card interoperating with the processor and the memory for network communications;

a display that communicatively couples with the processor through a display codec to display images from image signals that are received at the system in a digital format; and

a graphics controller having a software driver configured to work with ~~different~~ a plurality of display codecs ~~at different periods of time~~ while ~~using~~ remaining in a default configuration ~~of the software driver~~, the graphics controller being communicatively coupled to the processor.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the software driver comprises a universal software driver.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein the display is a digital display.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the display is selected from the group consisting of a flat panel, a LCD (liquid crystal display), an HDTV (high definition television), a plasma display, and a computer monitor.

15. (Currently Amended) A graphics controller comprising:

a memory, and

a software driver coupled to the memory, wherein the software driver is configured to work with ~~different~~ a plurality of display codecs ~~at different periods of time~~ while ~~using~~ remaining in a default configuration ~~of the software driver~~.

16. (Original) The graphics controller of claim 15 wherein the software driver comprises a universal software driver.

17. (Original) The graphics controller of claim 15 further comprising a storage medium for the software driver that communicates with a display codec, the software driver recognizing each of the plurality of display codecs.

18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

emulating a graphics controller having a universal software driver to allow the graphics controller to communicatively couple with a first one of a plurality of display codecs, the graphics controller operating with default settings, wherein the software driver is configured to work with the plurality of display codecs while remaining in a default configuration.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising

emulating replacing the first one of the plurality of display codecs with a second one of the plurality of display codecs.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein said emulating replacing the first one of the plurality of display codecs comprises

replacing the first one of the plurality of display codecs with an SDVO codec.